

REMARKS**Rejection of Claims 1-14 for Obviousness-Type Double Patenting**

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-14 for Obviousness-Type Double Patenting over Claims 1-22 of commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 6,358,443, Claims 1-22 of commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 6,153,129 and Claims 1-20 of commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 5,922,253. In order to obviate the rejection, Applicants are concurrently filing a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.132(c) over U.S. Patent Nos. 6,358,443, 6,153,129, 5,922,253 and 6,726,860 (immediate parent to the present application and commonly owned). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments, remarks and filing of a Terminal Disclaimer, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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